

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

January 31, 2013

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent:

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on January 17, 2013 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending January 30, 2013 in the amount of \$_____ are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of January 17 –January 30, 2013
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 15 – January 28, 2013
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for December 2012

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$_____ are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Municipal Lighting Department be permitted to proceed with the write-off of unpaid final bills for the period October 1 to October 31, 2011 in the amount of \$1,927.71.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to write-off property taxes from 2011 and 2012 in the amount of \$8,812.93 that were billed to the tax exempt property at 73 Cornelia Street, owned by the Plattsburgh Housing Authority. The property became fully tax exempt through a change in government subsidization on December 1, 2010, and as a fully exempt property it should not have been billed for property taxes thereafter. The documentation attached to these meeting minutes confirms the change in taxable status and the amounts incorrectly billed that are to be written-off effective December 31st, 2012.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Kendra Gertsch to hold the Winter Blues Walk on the Oval on March 23, 2013 from 10am-2pm to raise awareness for cancer screenings.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

D. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF CURT GERVICH TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING 1/15/2019.

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

E. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTER TO RYAN SPONABLE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 4, 2013 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 52 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adopt a resolution increasing the City of Plattsburgh Refuse Collection Rates effective February 1st, 2013, by adding \$1.00 per month to the weekly pick-up service rates and by adding \$.50 per month to the bi-weekly pick-up service rates.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Joe McMahon, Kyle Burdo and Claude Bouchard permission to attend the “Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Education Conference from March 4 – 7, 2013 in Lake Placid, NY for a cost not to exceed \$1,038 and this conference provides mandatory training hours to retain Code Enforcement Certification.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Ryan Sponable to attend the “NYS Fire Academy” in Montour Falls, NY from March 4, 2013 – May 16, 2013. The cost will not exceed \$2,524.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from City Engineer for permission to advertise for bids for Contract # 2013-02 “Dennis Avenue Improvements, Prospect Avenue – Olivetti Place.”
2. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot to continue the contract with James Burgess as the Nuisance Animal Control Officer for 2013 for the total cost of \$25,000 and there is no increase in cost from 2012.
3. Request from Valcour Sailing Club to reserve the use of the City Docks on Dock Street and the parking lot to park trailers and vehicles from August 14 – 18, 2013 for the 2013 Soling

North American Regatta.

4. RESOLUTION- Authorization to Participate in Lakes to Locks Passage Inc. (LTLP) kiosk program

Whereas, the Lakes to Locks Passage Inc. (LTLP) was formed to plan and carry out projects and programs to benefit the communities of the Lake Champlain, Lake George, and Champlain Canal regions, and

Whereas, the LTLP has received a grant from the NYS Dept. of Transportation to develop Waypoint community kiosks along the byway, and the City of Plattsburgh desires to sponsor byway kiosks in the City of Plattsburgh; therefore

It is resolved, The mayor is authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with LTLP whereby the City will: pay \$600 as the city share of the project cost from available NYS grant funds; identify suitable locations for the kiosks on City property; and assist in the design and composition of messages to be displayed. The Lake City Local Development Corporation is authorized to represent the City of Plattsburgh in LTLP meetings and provide City input on kiosk siting, design and messaging.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

MEETING ADJOURNED: _____